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Under 37 CFR § 1.116
Group Art Unit: 1648
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Patent Application of: Hsiang-Fu Kung et al.

Confirmation No.: 7269

Application No.: 10/848,737

Art Unit: 1648

Filed: May 19, 2004

Examiner: M. Mosher

For: INHIBITION OF SARS-ASSOCIATED
CORONAVIRUS (SCoV) INFECTION AND
REPLICATION BY RNA INTERFERENCE

New York, NY
April 25, 2006

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. § 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In reference to the Office Action dated March 10, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-10, 12-14 and 20-32, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	8	- 22* =	0	x	00.0
Independent	2	- 4** =	0	x	00.0
First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)					
TOTAL					0.00 .

*not less than 20

** not less than 3

No additional fee is required.

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CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 CFR 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 CFR 1.135. The fee under 37 CFR 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.